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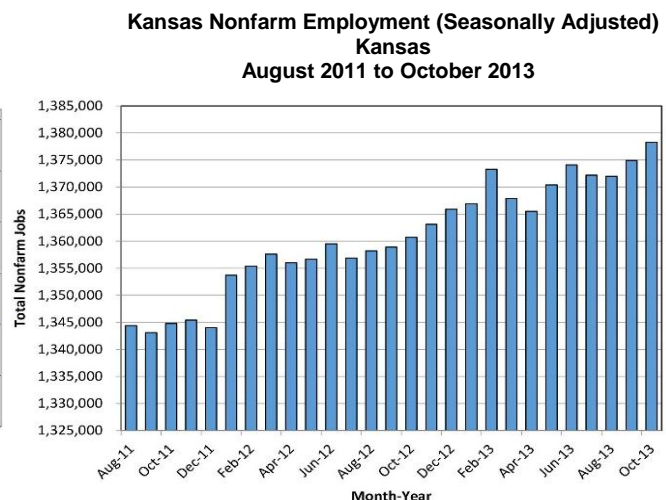
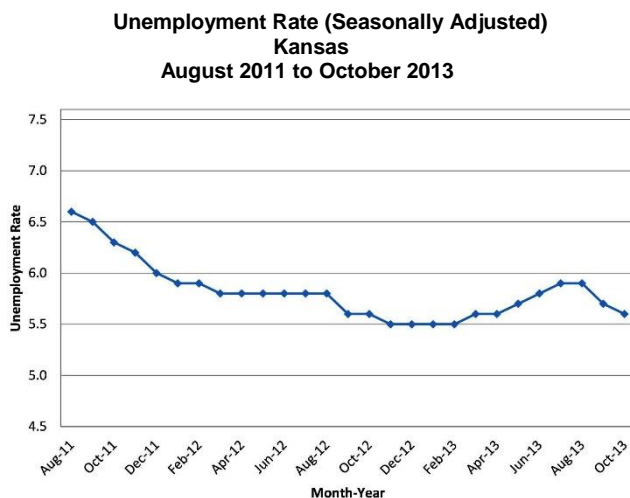
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## Labor Market Report October 2013

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The Kansas Department of Labor reported the October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, down from 5.7 percent in September and unchanged from October 2012.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, down from 5.4 percent in September and down from 5.2 percent in October 2012.



“The October labor report has positive news for Kansas,” said Lana Gordon, Kansas Secretary of Labor. “The state gained private sector jobs over-the-month and the unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent.”

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 18,400 private sector and 17,400 nonfarm jobs since October 2012. Since September, Kansas gained 9,800 nonfarm jobs, a 0.7 percent increase, and private sector increased by 5,000 or 0.4 percent.

Kansas gained 18,600 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs since October 2012 and 17,600 nonfarm jobs. Since last month, Kansas grew by 3,400 nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent change, and private sector increased by 3,400 or 0.3 percent.

Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported improvements over-the-month. Increases were greatest in government with 4,800 jobs, with the largest increase at the local level. Education and health services gained 2,400 and trade, transportation and utilities grew by 2,300.

Three major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were leisure and hospitality, losing 2,100 jobs throughout the sector, construction losing 100 and manufacturing losing 100 jobs due to losses in the non-durable goods sector.

Nine of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported growth over the last 12 months. Gains were highest in professional and business services with 8,000 jobs and financial activities rose by 2,700, with increases throughout the sector. Leisure and hospitality had an increase of 2,600 jobs spread throughout the sector.

Two major industries reported statewide losses over the last 12 months. Government and other services industries lost 1,000 and 300 jobs respectively.

"The state gained 18,400 private sector jobs since October 2012, offsetting the decline in public sector employment," said Efua Afful, Labor Economist.

Due to the lapse in funding, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data collection, analysis and dissemination activities were suspended from Oct. 1 through Oct. 16. The September State Employment and Unemployment data, which would have disseminated preliminary September data, was not published. The final September employment and unemployment data is included with the publication of the October news release data.

Kansas labor market information for October is available at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=472> .

Additional information on procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesmetho.htm>.

The November Labor Report will be released on Thursday, Dec. 19.

*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary Lana Gordon and Efua Afful, Labor Economist, are available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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